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Brigadier General Thomas A. Lane  
Commanding General  
Fort Leonard Wood  
Missouri

Dear Tom:

I returned to Washington from my vacation over the weekend to learn of your appointment as Commanding General at Fort Leonard Wood. Heartiest congratulations on this fine assignment and the second star that will go with it!

It was certainly a source of real satisfaction to me to have you as District Engineer Commissioner during the controversial period involving the new Central Intelligence Agency building, and I am most grateful for your fair and sympathetic consideration to our problem. I also know that as a citizen of the District you made an enviable reputation for yourself and will be sorely missed. However, I must say in the same breath that you looked to a pretty good Class to pick your successor, and I know that Al Welling will do a splendid job.

My best wishes for your continued happiness and success in your new job.

Sincerely,

*L. K. White*

L. K. White  
Deputy Director

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